

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF SALVATION

What Shall it Profit a Man if He Gains the Whole World, and Loses His Soul

By Mrs. Mollie Raborn

As my heart is so burdened this morning for the lost world, I feel like I must sound a note of warning to the lost souls of the world. Dear ones may God help every one that reads this to be stirred as never before to get busy and do all we can to rescue the perishing souls from a devil's hell. I feel this morning such a need of more workers to help carry this gospel to this perishing and dying world.

When I picture out the awful lost and doomed state of man without hope in this world, it seems like I just can't refrain from going with the message myself. I see them every day as they walk around bowed down under the awful load of sin and time so short, eternity so long, and so many precious souls with their eyes closed to their lost condition. Oh! dear ones how much I feel the need of getting busy and snatch those dear precious souls from the awful burning flames of an endless hell.

How sad it will be for us if we fail to do our duty and then have to stand by the bed side of some poor lost souls and hear them say that all hope of heaven is gone, and then for us to know that we had not done all we could to rescue them. Dear ones let us be sure we do all we can to help some precious soul to God. Oh! how I feel the burden this morning! Take warning dear ones. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36-37.)

And on the other hand how blessed it will be for us if when we have done all we can to rescue the perishing, we can say like Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." (2 Tim. 4:7-8.)

Now dear ones if we take heed to those Scriptures Satan will be defeated and instead of us sitting around in sorrow and mourning over defeat, we can with cheerful looks and thankful hearts lift our eyes toward heaven and rejoice and thank God. Now, this is the condition of many of us whether we are conscious of the fact or not; and how the outcome in each case will depend on the individual as how he will meet life's temptations and fight as a good soldier for the Lord day by day. All may be victorious if we will take David's instructions: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." (Prov. 4:23.)

Our Preachers of This State are Certainly Heroes, And I Am Proud of Everyone of Them

By E. L. Simmons, State Overseer

Scripture Lesson, 2 Peter 1.

The time has arrived, and we are here in another State Convention. Many have looked forward to this good time, and for months have been making arrangements to be here, while others desired to attend, but were hindered. Twelve months have glided by since we last met. They have passed so swiftly that it seems but yesterday. The happening of those days have been many, with trials hard, and blessings innumerable, but the blessings have outweighed the trials, and we are here on victory side.

This year has been one of toil for the Church of God. She has possibly never had it more stormy, or rough, but through it all she has stemmed the tide of opposition and sailed triumphantly on. The conflicts have been many and great, but we have never been in a battle so hard that we did not win the victory. God has been true to His promise, "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him."

West Virginia Honored

The state of West Virginia has held her head above her sister states. Each of the local churches have stood like a mighty fortress through the recent struggle. We have not lost an active minister, and have only lost two members. This is enough for us to thank God for, and to make us exclaim, "Hurrah for the Church of God, and the dear old state of West Virginia." But that is not all, we have added six new churches to our list, and have good prospects of several more before the close of the year.

Our Preachers

Our preachers of this state are certainly heroes, and I am proud of everyone of them. They are of the progressive type, and will not be defeated. They are big hearted, true blue, red blooded Church of God preachers. I can say as I did last year that they have worked with me in perfect unity and harmony, and the Lord has blessed our labor, as we have worked together.

The pastors have stood at their post, protected their flock and fed them on wholesome food. They have not been idlers, but have proved themselves real wide awake, energetic workers in every phase of their labor and have not shunned to declare the whole counsel of God, and I am sure that the rewards for pastors indeed, will be given to them.

The State Evangelist with his party, (full of fire and energy) have been on the move for God, and have conducted so many successful revivals that other states are now desiring his services in many of their largest cities, however, we are not willing to give him up as he is an asset to the work in any state.

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Let all the saints remember that it is the SAME GOD, the SAME BIBLE, the SAME CHURCH, the SAME ASSEMBLY, at the SAME PLACE, at the SAME TIME (Oct. 29 to Nov. 4.) and that "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." (Heb. 13:8.)

F. J. LEE, General Overseer

FOOLISHNESS NOT FOR CHRISTIANS; BE MORE THANKFUL

Our Lives Should Shine To the World And Manifest a Christ-like Life

By F. W. Rollins

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children." (Eph. 5:1.) I feel like this Scripture is of much value to us today. We are living in the last days and the devil knows he has but a short time to deceive the people, and foolishness is one of his main themes to destroy the influential power of God's children. "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you as becometh saints." (Eph. 5:3.) "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: 'But rather giving of thanks.'" (Eph. 5:4.)

We can see by the foregoing Scriptures that God is not pleased with any of these things. Surely we want to please God. Some one will say, "There is aunt Ann and uncle John. They joke and talk smutty words and they are Christians." Beloved, read on down in Paul's letter to the Ephesians. "Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light." (Eph. 5:6-8.)

Dearly beloved if we want our identity with Christ, I feel we will have to live up close to Him. Jesus said, "They are not of the

world, even as I am not of the world. (Jno. 17:16.) If there is anything of the world, it must be foolish talking and jesting. If we could behold heaven with its beauties and could look on the holy angels and see how pure they are, and Jesus with His shining garments, then walk down the streets of the New Jerusalem beholding those beautiful mansions that Jesus has gone to prepare for His true children; surely, we would draw nigh to God.

Paul no doubt is exhorting them to have a closer walk with the Lord. His subject is quite awakening to the Ephesians. "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light" (Eph. 5:14.) No doubt it was this that caused the foolish virgins to not be accepted in the bride; it may have been this that kept the man from having a wedding garment on. Could we not be thanking Him for some of His wonderful blessings to the children of men, instead of foolish talking and jesting?

But listen: "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." (Matt. 15:18-19.) Jesus had just finished the statement concerning that which defiles the man. "Not that which goeth in to the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man." (Matt. 15:11) "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk, even as he walk-

THE ASSEMBLY

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

By F. J. Lee, General Overseer

The writer seems to have looked away down to this day and saw the day of the Lord fast approaching, he also saw that many would forsake the assembling of themselves together for worship, but he comes with this timely admonition saying, that we should not do it, then admonishes further that we exhort one another. Now the question arises what shall we say to one another while giving the exhortation? We should say, "The day of the Lord is at hand," then call attention to the fact that the many signs are at hand that the Lord said would come then we should say "Do not forget to assemble together, because the Lord has demanded it." Yes we must, ASSEMBLE, ASSEMBLE, ASSEMBLE. We must not be indifferent in this, because the last days are on, the friction and strife that exists in many ways and in many places are real signs of the last days.

You may say, where must we assemble? You should assemble in your places of worship and thereby show your love for God and also to the saints of God, but one special place we should assemble is, at the Church of God Auditorium the 29th of October because there will be hundreds assembled at this date and you should be one of this number. Why should we assemble? Because this is the Church of God Assembly, because there isn't any like it. She has existed from the beginning. The same Church of God Assembly, she meets at her old home the Church of God Auditorium Cleveland, Tennessee.

She has the twelve and seventy elders as the Assembly found in the Bible in 1917-1921. Also she has the judges as previously adopted. She has the same property with the same trustees. We just want to impress on the minds of the members of the Church of God that the General Assembly is the same General Assembly in the same old way, in the same old place, at the same old date. Remember that date isn't August, September, or even December, but it is the 29th of October to 4th of November.

Exhorting One Another

Notice, in the text the writer

If you are doubtful of what I say

Come to the Assembly without delay.

Righteousness and truth, portrayed will be,

If you are not yet convinced just come and see.

There will be hand-shakes, smiles, rejoicing and shouting,

But no place for grumpiness, grumbling, or pouting.

We to the Assembly with a joyful heart must go

And when forbidden by poverty we must say, "No."

We must not miss the Assembly, because of poverty or the weather,

For the apostle says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together."

There are many other things that I could say

But will close by making mention of that great day—the Assembly.

ed." (1 Jno. 2:6.)

Do we now have our identity with Christ? A good thorough examination would be good for us all now to see if we are walking like He walked. I am sorry to say this but I have seen some of God's children talking and jesting and dressing and manifesting the spirit of the world until

says "Exhorting One Another," he doubtless meant that they should exhort that they should assemble together. Then let me exhort the state overseers to make a special boost that all churches in your respective states insist that some of their members go to the Assembly. The pastors should take this up also and keep insisting that his members attend this great Assembly.

We find in the Word that all people who do not go to the Assembly in Jerusalem during the Millennium period will be visited with drought and famine. I am persuaded that God is also anxious that you attend the annual Assembly at Cleveland. If you don't, God may let a drought or famine come on you.

Some may say, "I can't go because times are so hard." I see in the Bible where the Jews just dropped everything once a year to go to Jerusalem to the great feast, they didn't consider that they were too poor, some were too poor to buy a lamb for sacrifice and had to take a dove, but they went just the same. There is none of our members too poor to buy a dove, then if the Jews could go hundreds of miles, even in famine stricken times and wouldn't stay away even though they couldn't furnish any sacrifice but a dove, why should any of our members say I am not able to go to the Assembly?

I am sure that every church can send at least one representative to this Assembly. Let me exhort the churches to see to this.

Many said last year, "This is the greatest Assembly that I have ever attended," while this was doubtless true, we are expecting a much greater time. Let me insist that you begin now to make preparations to attend this great Assembly.

We expect to have new song books, good music, both vocal and instrumental. Also great preaching and addresses by competent speakers. We are not counting on any friction whatever, but a precious, sweet, quiet, peaceable time, mixed with great joy and rejoicing.

you could not tell them from the world. Then I look at Jesus speaking to the disciples saying, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." (Matt. 5:14.)

Our lives should shine to the world and manifest a Christ-like life and be as a lighthouse

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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It will soon be time for the Sunday schools to place their order for literature for the fourth quarter. Order early and avoid the rush. Don't forget to order a supply of CHILDREN'S LESSON STORIES, six cents each. This will be interesting to the children and the card class in as much as it is provided for them to paste their card in the Lesson Story Book at each lesson and thereby preserve their card as well as making the lesson much more interesting. This initial supply is limited, order early.

Please do not allow anything to divert your mind and cause you to forget the NEEDS OF THE ORPHANS, as we are receiving new ones in almost every week. We are expecting five to arrive this week. The number is rapidly increasing, thereby increasing the current expenses of the Home. Will you take this to your own heart as if it were your own little darling child left without a Home, would you appreciate it being taken in and provided with food, shelter, clothing and something to keep it warm? "REMEMBER THE CRY OF THE ORPHANS."

We received a bright eyed little boy last week whose father has been dead for some time and his mother died a few days ago leaving a request that her darling little boy be placed in the Church of God Orphanage in this city. Can we afford to turn down such requests or shall we extend a welcome hand to the Orphans left alone?

Are you making preparations to attend the next General Assembly of the Church of God that convenes in its regular annual session in this city October 29th to November 4th? This is expected to be one of the greatest Assemblies in the history of the Church. Many interesting things will feature this Assembly on account of the recent developments. Also that many wonderful prospects for the expansion of the work in general and a general feast of fat things. You will be missed if you are not there. Don't fail to be present.

GOD BLESSING IN THE NORTH

IRONTON, Ohio.—We have just finished the round visiting the churches, and find everything getting along good with the churches that have pastors to look after them all the time; and all are standing true to the Church. I held a two-weeks' meeting here and set the church in order with 8 members; left

West Virginia State Convention

In Most All the States the Work is Prospering and We are Led to Believe in a Bright Future for the Church of God in West Va.

By Laud L. Vaught

The state convention of West Virginia which convened in the city of Huntington, July 30—August 3, is now in the past, but the memories of it will live as long as those who attended. To say that the Lord wonderfully blessed in every service and that the glory of God rested upon it from the beginning to the end would not be saying too much. The delegates began to arrive on Tuesday and Wednesday night at 7:30 p. m. service opened with music by the Bands, and a prayer thanking God for keeping and bringing us back together again. After the prayer the pastor of of Huntington church, Laud L. Vaught, gave the address of welcome using the Scripture found in Acts 16:15: "If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there."

It seemed to be enjoyed by all and as the love of God came down and bound our hearts together, I believe all felt at home when the speaker finished. The response from the field by Brothers C. W. Kerce, H. N. Bostwick, and A. J. Cox, were certainly interesting as they told of the way God had blessed them on the field and helped them to get to the convention. They expressed their welcome feeling and stated that they were here for a feast from the Lord. After the speakers finished the Band rendered a beautiful selection, and the power fell the saints shouted and talked in other tongues. It was truly a wonderful place on the account of the presence of the Lord. Then while the Band played another selection the congregation brought forward a liberal offering to defray the expense of the convention.

Tuesday morning, July 31, all seemed refreshed and glad they were here. At 10:00 a. m. service opened with songs and prayer, after which a committee was appointed to answer questions, and for the interest of the orphanage work. Also, the state board was paneled and two young ministers were favorably passed upon for the ministry. Namely Brothers C. W. Kerce and A. J. Cox. They look like very prominent prospects for God and the Church—we wish them God's speed in their labors for the Lord. At 10:40 the Moreland Band gave us a beautiful selection which was much enjoyed by all. Then came the call of the churches which lasted till noon. And at 2:30 p. m. the service opened again with song, 103, and prayer by Brother B. E. Hicks, and the call of the churches continued. All of the thirty-eight churches in the state was represented by someone; however, the preachers were part of the representatives from the ones farthest away. They all gave good and interesting reports and told of some wonderful victories won by the mighty power of God.

In most all of the states the work is prospering and we are led to believe there is a bright future for the Church of God in West Virginia. The ministers told us of the true-loyal members in their flocks, and how they would pay their tithes and stand by their pastors in assisting him till one would almost make up their mind to become a pastor and move to the state of West Virginia; and I hope God will give us some more good ones over here. There is some real Church of God material in the state of West Virginia, and not only is the ministry but in the lay membership; and you

wife to finish the meeting while I visited some other churches, and 3 or 4 more came in after I left. It was truly wonderful how the interest grew and the crowds increased right on till the last service. We pray the Lord's blessings on the work in the North.—E. Haynes, State Overseer, of Ohio and Michigan.

know all Church of God folks are big-hearted. But you should have seen the dear people of Huntington open their doors and even friends who were not members, we shall never forget their kindness.

Brother D. R. Moreland, State Evangelist, also reported and told us some good things of how the Lord had blessed his ministry. It made our hearts rejoice and I felt like I loved him just a little better than when he began speaking. He gave us such a good illustration of faith, and it made us rejoice with laughter. Then after some good music we adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

At 7:30 p. m. service opened with song "Onward in the Lord rejoicing" and music by the Band combined, and prayer by Brother A. J. Cox which was followed by a special duet by the Drummond sisters, "Don't let your light burn low." At 8:00 o'clock Brother T. J. Mead gave us a very interesting discourse declaring that he was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it was the power of God unto them that believe. He used Hebrews 4, for a lesson and Matt. 11:28 for his text. He also referred to Isa. 28:12 pointing out the rest and refreshing. Also he referred to Deut. 32:1-3; Psa. 23:1-3; Jas. 5:7, showing the husbandman was the Father. (See John 15:1.) He exhorted us to strive to enter in according to Luke 13. He closed with the Scripture reading found in Rev. 22:14. I truly believe the dear readers would profit by reading these Scriptures referred to in this sermon.

At 8:30 p. m. the Moreland Band gave us a beautiful quartet which was much enjoyed by all. Then a chorus sung by Brother E. C. Clark while the audience stood and later joined the chorus with uplifted hands. I think we shall long remember that, sweet chorus "I love Him," and the power fell as we repeated it—O, how the waves of glory swept over our souls. Then a wonderful sermon "awaken and pray" by Brother E. C. Clark showing how they that sleep must be awakened. And as the shades of night disclosed the light of day, so they that shut their eyes against the Word of truth close out the light of the soul, the vision of life. How we need to be awake in these last days, and if we would stay awake we must live up to duty. In Luke 9:32: "And when they were awake, they saw his glory, and two men that stood with him." He told us that God wanted men today so wide awake that He could move us at a touch. He also referred to Eph. 5:14; Isa. 51:9; Isa. 52:1-2; Sam. 4, and told how Sam. slept and lost his mantle, and Sampson was asleep when they cut his hair; hence, he lost strength by sleeping. And the foolish virgins were left out by sleeping instead of getting their lamps filled with oil.

He also referred to Midianites sleeping and telling dreams which weakened their faith, and on account of Noah sleeping naked in his tent his son was cursed, which could have been prevented and not caused the downfall of his young son. It would pay the parents of today to awaken. In Paul's preaching a young man fell out of the window and killed himself because he slept. He then sang his chorus "I love Him" and took the subject of "prayer" after giving the definition of prayer continued by reading Luke 22:46, showing the necessity of prayer. He referred to Job showing the patience of a praying man. And you will recall the great victory he won by prayer. Telling how that all great achievements were brought about by prayer. At Pentecost they were praying and the ministry of Christ was preceded by forty days of praying;

and how He prayed and the heavens were opened.

The disciples prayed and the earth shook, jail doors opened and if we would pray great things would happen. We should pray for our enemies. It was indeed a deep and inspiring message that was real soul food to hungry hearts. We sang again "I love Him" and the power fell, talking in other tongues and one or more interpretations, one of which was, "why halt ye between two opinions?" The Spirit seemed to invite us to forsake all and go with Jesus and share His fullness. Following this Brother L. G. Rouse spoke a few minutes on faith, and prayed for some sick folks, and many were truly blessed. A little girl that was deaf in one ear heard, also, an elderly lady testified to receiving hearing in one ear that was deaf. Many others were healed and blessed and the service closed at 10:25.

On Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock service opened with song, 37, "Love eternal" and prayer by Brother Bostwick followed with the state overseer's annual address at 10:30, using 1 Peter 1, for Scripture reading or lesson. It was very inspiring and enjoyed by all, and as I am expecting to see it in print in the Evangel I shall not say more, only for you to be sure and read it for yourself. And I hope the glory of God will rest upon you as it did on me when I heard it. He told us to stand by our state overseer, and saddened our hearts by telling us that he would not be overseer another year, as he had served three years. Well, we all appreciate his service which has meant much to the saints of West Virginia, and truly hope God will go with him and bless his labors in the new field as He did him here. He closed his discourse at 11:30 and Bro. D. R. Moreland led us in prayer. Then Brother Bun E. Hicks delivered a very interesting discourse on perseverance, making us feel like holding right on to the promise even through the thickest battles; assuring us that we should reap in due time if we faint not.

At 2:30 p. m. service opened with songs and prayer by Brother C. H. Mead and music by Band, and in the absence of our General Overseer, Brother F. J. Lee, who on account of sickness could not be with us, Brother B. E. Drummond delivered us a very interesting sermon from 1 Cor. 19, using Romans, 8:14, for his text. He showed us how we ought to walk close to Jesus, and the Holy Ghost would teach us; illustrating how He would lead us. He stated there were teachers in the body, and if we were led of the Holy Ghost we would be teachable, that the Spirit would lead us to obey the Word. We enjoyed it for we knew it was Bible and were glad we had learned to be subject to God's government; indeed it is a great lesson and hard for some to learn. But thank God some of us have learned it.

While Brother Drummond was yet speaking Brother E. Haynes came in, and it was a glad surprise for we were glad to have him with us. After being introduced Brother Haynes gave us some good instructions from the fourth chapter of Ephesians exhorting us to keep the unity of the Spirit till we come to the unity of the faith, showing we received the unity of the Spirit when we were born of the Spirit, but the thing we need so much was that all baptized people should come to the unity of the faith. And the only way to get there was to just keep the unity of the Spirit, and be obedient so the Spirit could lead us in obeying the Word, and be teachable that God's teachers might teach us. (See Matt. 28:19.) Brother Haynes brought us many good thoughts for which we thank the Lord, and believe it will bring forth much and lasting good.

At 7:30 p. m. service opened with songs and prayer and music by Brother Moreland's family Band assisted by the Logan and Parkersburg units, the music being much enjoyed by all. Then a twenty-minute's praise service conducted by Brother E. C. Clark, and he sang his little chorus "I love Him" which was much enjoyed. Then a quartet was sung by the Moreland Band followed with a red-hot gospel message

Lord Blessing in Alabama

Saints Kept Their Faith And Confidence Stayed in God

ENSLEY, Ala.—I want to praise the Lord for what He is doing for this little town. On July 8th Brother Frank Watson and wife, Brother R. M. Gallups and the writer, who did most of the playing with other helpers, began an OLD TIME TENT MEETING here with the Lord's blessings upon us and an out-pour of the Spirit in the first service, with the saints shouting dancing, talking in other tongues. While sinners would fill the altar and saints crying out to God in their behalf, large crowds would come to see the mighty works of the Lord manifested.

The saints kept their faith and confidence stayed in God till He came to their rescue saving 2, reclaiming 3, and filling 7 with the precious Holy Ghost, for we heard them speak in other tongues. One dear old brother who thought he could not be saved was wonderfully saved from his sins; also, a dear old sister of sixty-seven was miraculously filled with the Holy Ghost, and the old and the young rejoiced in the Lord together. "Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow." (Jer. 31:13.)

Pray for the Lord to continue to show Himself gracious to the people at this place.—Mrs. Vernon Hysaw.

by Brother Moreland, State Evangelist, on the "signs of the times" lesson Dan. 12:1-4, text Matt. 24:38, and other Scriptures in connection. He said if he were feeding sheaves in the thrashing machine and there was no grain coming out, he would shut it down—illustrating that if there were no signs following his ministry he would know there was something wrong, and he would quit. He stated that someone told him one time he preached too hard, and that he could catch more flies with suagr than he could with vingar. But he thanked them that he was not out for catching flies.

He also touched on divorce and remarriage showing us how that this beautiful America had more divorce suits in eleven days than England had in a whole year. He told how Noah obeyed in preparing the ark, and that the doors of the Ark stood open seven days. The animals went in but the men would not. And with many good words he pointed out that we were living in the last days. It was a blessed privilege just to listen to such a Spirit-filled message—truly we hope he may deliver many more like it to the hungry souls scattered abroad. After Brother Moreland finished his sermon Brother L. G. Rouse testified to some mighty healings, giving us Bible to prove it was possible for us today. He referred us to the mighty signs and wonders done by the

apostles, stating that God is the same today as in their day. Many testified that had been healed the night before. Then many came forward for prayer among whom were Sister Taylor of Mononville, W. Va., and she was relieved of deafness that had troubled her for eighteen years. Another was Sister Poar, partly deaf who was restored to normal condition. Sister Pool testified to being healed of lung trouble and many others shouted and praised the Lord for what He did for them.

Saturday morning, August 2nd, service opened with song, and prayer by Brother G. A. Reynolds followed with a song by the congregation "Everybody will be happy over there" and the Drummond sisters sang a duet title "Wonderful story of love." Brother E. Haynes sang "In love with Jesus" and was followed with a sermon by Brother F. W. Rollins on the subject of "reapers" using for a text St. John 4:35. He illustrated to us how the call for reapers was on and that the upper room experience was necessary if we would be true reapers, using many Scriptural proofs of the need of reapers in these last days when the golden grain is falling. O, may God give us real Spirit-filled reapers in these last days. This sermon was one of much importance and much enjoyed by all present.

Following this sermon came Brother O. W. Thomas with his subject "go ye" using Matt. 28:19-20, for his text and a lesson from Mark 16:15-18, referring also to Deut. 1:6-8 showing us it was needful to go as God did not send sinners. His talk was very inspiring and right to the point. He encouraged our hearts by showing how that God would not only call and send us, but would go with us all the way even to the end of the world. He referred to the call of Abraham and the sending of him and the blessing of going; how He would give Abraham all the land as far as he could see east, west, north and south, and asked him to lift up his eyes that he might see a great portion of it. It made us feel like God wants His ministers of today to lift up their eyes to the great and precious privileges and blessings that await the faithful overcomers. He read Isaiah 6:5, and showed that if we were not able or ready we needed a little touch with the fire from the altar, that we might say with the prophet, "Here am I send me."

He stated that when we got the upper-room experience, the baptism of the Holy Ghost and (Continued on Page 4)

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GOD BLESSING IN W. VIRGINIA

Handling Snakes, And The Mighty Power of The Lord Wonderfully Manifested in Heal- ing

BURCH, W. Va.—We closed a two-weeks' meeting here July 27th with great victory with the Lord having saved 4, sanctified 1, filled 1 with the Holy Ghost, and added 6 to the Church; and the sick was marvelously healed by the mighty power of God. The lame was made to walk and the blind to see; one man who had been blind in one eye for twenty-three years received his sight; a deaf and dumb lady who had been so from the age of two years was made to hear and speak; and the last night of the meeting they brought in a rattle snake which was handled by the writer, and for some reason the Lord allowed the snake to bite me causing a severe pain for awhile.

The Lord completely healed me and delivered me of all the pain, and I preached the next night and conducted the sacramental service in which we observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. I went to Cranberry and preached July 29th, thence to Huntington, to the state convention and the Lord did some wonderful healing there; and many other wonderful healings I could make mention of. I trust that these few lines will be of encouragement to some sick and lonely sinner who needs the Savior.—L. G. Fouse, Box 114 Burch, W. Va.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

"Let your requests be made known unto God"

Please pray that God will undertake for us. I want God to have His way in my life each and every day.—Clara Wilder.

The devil is doing everything in his power to discourage me in my Christian life and make me doubt the experience of salvation, but I know that the Lord has given me this wonderful experience. I have been weak in my body and the devil has been trying to make me think I had lost out in my experience with the Lord, but I know the Lord is the same and that I have not lost my experience with Him.

I was a backslider once but I found the Lord precious to my soul now it is the devil trying to make me think that I have lost out again, but I shout and feel the Lord's presence with me and I want to go through with Him. I earnestly ask the saints to pray for me that I will not let the devil hinder me any longer but that the joy of the Lord will continue to flow through the avenues of my soul.—Esther Johnson, Odum, Ga.

Forthcoming Meetings

We are going to have our state convention at Middletown, Ohio, Sept. 17-21, and wish to make all feel cordially invited to attend this great convocation in the service of the Lord. We have asked Brother F. J. Lee, General Overseer to be with us. COME expecting a great time with the Lord.—E. Haynes, State Overseer, of Ohio and Michigan.

Our revival meeting will convene on Wednesday, September 10th instead of August 17th, at Swillev Hill Tabernacle, near Valdosta, Ga.—J. G. Swillev, Valdosta, Ga.

The Church of God camp meeting will convene at Offerman, Ga., Sept. 5th. Many who attended the meeting here last year are still praising God for the way He blessed, and we are expecting greater things this year. We want as many South

SYNOPSIS OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE OVERSEER'S AN- NUAL ADDRESS

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Progression

With such a corps of workers as we have, the work in West Virginia shall know no defeat. While the Lord has been blessing us in the past we must not run on past experience. The Lord spoke to the children of Israel out of Mount Horeb, saying, "Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount: Turn you, and take your journey." If this message was good for the children of Israel, it is good for us at this time. They indeed had a good place to stay at Horeb, but it was time for them to move on, and survey all of their possessions. We have been enjoying the blessings of the Lord to a very great extent, but there are richer, better, deeper things ahead for the children of God.

In practically every organization, there are two elements. One of these is the conservative, and the other is the progressive. In some organizations there is a third element known as radicals. The conservatives are a class that wish to stick close to the customs and usages of their forefathers. They are against progressive measures, but wish to keep their subjects tied down to what they call conservative laws and usages.

The "radicals" are on the extreme in opposition to the conservatives. While their motives may at many times be real good, they go at it in the wrong way. Men of this type will never be successful in the Christian warfare. We should be real "Progressive Christians," but not "Radicals." Progressivism, and Radicalism are not equivalent, neither can all "Progressives," be classed as "Radicals." There has never been a more progressive set of men than those of the Bible, and yet they can not be classed with "Modern Radicals."

The Science of Evolution tells us of an age when all living things were invertebrates, that is they had no spinal column. Many of them were incased in an armour while some of them were a mere "jelly like" substance. I do not know that this is true, but it is a fact that this kind of organism is existing today, in the form of oysters, clams, cuttle fish and many creeping things upon the earth. They are very slow and awkward in their movements, and very well represent the "Conservative," "Reactionary," or "Stand-patter," type of Christians.

Another class of animals are the vertebrates. These are they which have a spinal column, or back bone. They are very swift and always on the alert, and are able by their speed to over come the invertebrates, in every battle. They very well represent the progressive Christian, for if we are to be progressive in Christianity, we must be men and women of backbone.

The Church of God is not to be evangelical only, but it must be evangelistic. The Evangelical Church, was founded among the Germans in Pennsylvania in 1807, by Jacob Albright. For years it would not accept any as members, except Germans or those of German descent. Should we be satisfied with a few of our own county, state, or nation when there are millions across the sea who need to know the Christ as we know Him? I fancy I can hear the sound of many voices saying, "No! No! No!" The cry of the Evangelical Church is "Hold the fort," but the slogan of the Church of God, as an evangelistic church, is, "Charge upon the enemy and take new territory for our God."

We have made excellent progress in the past, but we can not be content to stay here. We must press the battle harder than ever before and place the

Georgia people as possible to take advantage of these meetings. The program will be full of good things from start to finish. BEGIN NOW to MAKE READY. — S. J. Heath, in charge.

banner of King Emanuel in new territory. The spirit of progression is so upon us now that we can hardly wait until this convention is over, to get on the field again.

A Spirit of Neutrality Needed

If there has ever been a time that the ministry needed a spirit of genuine neutrality on some lines, I believe this is the time. I do not mean that we should compromise with the devil on any point, but we must show some wisdom in the way we attack him. I wish to mention a few things in which we as ministers and laymen of the Church of God should be neutral.

1st. Politics.—Many Christians, some of our members, and occasionally a minister, have placed themselves in an embarrassing position by taking an active part in political campaigns. A minister should not only be able to help one particular party or class, but should so conduct himself that he can be a benefit to all. A preacher in politics cannot hope to be an efficient soul winner. If he works for the Republican party, he will incur the disapproval and dislike of Democrats, or if he works for the Democrats he will invite the displeasure of the Republicans. Either of the preceding will cause a man to lose his influence. The one safe course is to stay out of politics. If you feel that you should vote, vote your sentiment and allow the fellow the same privilege without trying to influence him.

2nd Secret Orders.—It is not necessary for me or any other man to set a rule on the question of secret orders as the Church decided several years ago to not take members who were affiliated with them. No special organizations were named as the name, "Secret Orders," covers them all. The minister who would specify certain ones or make discrimination between them, would not be acting with wisdom.

We should be able to show the people something better than that which they have, and then it will be no trouble for them to lay it down. Some people have brought trouble upon themselves by openly condemning things they knew nothing of. Let us be careful along this line, that our good will not be evil spoken of.

The Constitution

It seems that it again becomes necessary for us to mention the constitution. I do not understand why it is the center of attraction, and has been ridiculed so much unless that it is because of the benefit that it is to us as members of the Church.

Now every LIVING thing upon the earth, which has a system of rules and principles working mutually, has a constitution. If these parts all function in their respective places, then it is a good constitution. Every man has a constitution if he is living, and if each part of his body is working, it is considered that he has a good constitution.

The Church of God is a living organization and has always had a constitution. It has its laws, and rules arranged in system. While many have the idea that the constitution of the Church of God is a creed or written article of doctrine, they will find it to be a mistake. There is not a place in it that specifies any doctrine to be taught, other than the new Testament as interpreted by its officials. It is merely a written statement of the governing of the Church. The only difference now and before we had this written document is, that while we had the constitution before we have now had a photograph made of it so that we can show the other fellow that it is what we stand for.

Some claim that it has brought us into bondage, but it has never bothered me. It is the same as before the photograph was made. I am sure that there are none at this convention who feel bound on account of it. What do you say? (No! rang out from all over the tabernacle.) I am glad we have it for when the devil tells us that the Church of God is

about dead, or is going down, we can turn and look at the constitution, and see that it is still strong and healthy, and there is no sign of death as long as we have a good strong constitution. Its picture is a ready reminder of its strength. I am sure that all who want to do the right, are not in any way bound by the constitution. All of you who attended the assembly of 1921, will doubtless remember the way the Spirit witnessed its adoption, and how it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us.

The West Virginia Orphanage

I do not think it well for me to close this address without mentioning something about the orphanage work.

In general the work of providing for the orphans has been progressing nicely. The houses provided have been fixed for the convenience of the little fellows and as the Lord moved upon the hearts of the people to help by sending in money for the purpose, they have been well provided for. Yet the state of West Virginia has been somewhat behind in this.

At our last General Assembly, the ministers of West Virginia, came together and decided that we would own a home at Cleveland as a memorial of our state. The price to be paid was approximately \$3,200.00, and you will possibly be surprised when I tell you that we have only paid about \$300.00. This will just a little more than pay the interest.

I know that this has been a hard year but we must do something to relieve the situation. This convention must offer some plan for raising this money or the state of West Virginia will fail to meet its obligation. Shall we see our state go down in defeat? No! No! No! We must rally to the front on this important step that we have taken. We are expecting the committee on orphanage work to offer something for your consideration as a solution of this problem.

Missions

In conclusion I will mention the missionary work of the church. I can think of no more interesting work of the Church than the missionary work. That the Church of God may spread its doctrine to the uttermost parts of the earth, and a means whereby it may be accomplished, is of great concern to me, and should be to the Church in general. The commission that Christ gave His apostles was to take this gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. There is now a cry for men of wisdom and power with God, to go into the foreign fields, as well as for money to support them.

Not only in the foreign fields are missionaries needed, but right here in America many could be used if we had a way to support them. The Church has been laying almost quiet on the subject of Home Missions, and yet there has never been a time that the Church of God needed funds to help ministers in non-supporting fields as it has this year. Let us push harder another year than we have in the past, that we may see a church established in every city in the state.

This year has been one of success for the Church but if I can hear of a much greater work being done in your state another year, I will not be the least jealous, but will gladly rejoice with you. May the Lord greatly bless you all.

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Perchance you should hear in some way that F. J. Lee went to Sister M. J. Richard, mother of L. A. Richard and had her to arise one night from her peaceful slumber to write an article while he dictated it; let me just whisper this to you that this is absolutely false.

If you should hear in some way through a spirit, vision or letter that Sister Richard is about to leave the Church of God and go to some other, I just want to inform you that this also is without foundation for Sister Richard is a staunch advocate of the Church of God, and glories in the stand that her son, Thad has taken. She is a regular attendant to the Auditorium.

No, Sister Richard hasn't changed her mind about affairs at Headquarters but is becoming more firmly fixed.

We don't care to write through the Evangel very much about this as it perhaps might gender strife, but will insist that if any have been disturbed by a tract please write to Sister M. J. Richard and she will thoroughly explain.

Sunday School Secretaries

We are glad to announce to you that we have some new helps for the children called "Children's Lesson Stories." A nice little quarterly especially adapted for the children's class. Be sure and order a supply for your Sunday school. Price 6c each.

CAMP MEETING AT WASHINGTON, N. C.

Doubtless most of the readers of the Evangel saw the article written by A. L. Crisp with reference to the camp meeting at Washington, N. C. to begin Sept. 13-24. In addition to this one I would like to use a space

in one of the columns of our much appreciated paper, Evangel, for the purpose of insisting on our preachers of North Carolina to be there some of the time if not all the time. We want to make this one of the best meetings in the history of North Carolina—we can do it by earnest prayer and being present.

We are thinking of arranging a program and desire the ministers of North Carolina to be present with some of those of the other states, to carry out the program. We think possibly Brother F. J. Lee, General Overseer, will be with us a few days.

We insist that those who have been set forth and recommended by one of the local churches to be there and meet the state examining board that it might pass on you, and you be ordained or licensed.

We hope all the laity as well as the preachers will pray that God will give us an OLD-TIME PENTECOSTAL outpour of His power and blessings.—T. L. McLain, State Overseer.

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Bible School

Recently you noticed an article from our dear Brother Ellis stating that he would be unable to teach the Bible School on account of his eyes failing him. Brother Ellis was very sorry to have to do this, but his eyes have given him trouble for many years, and the strain on them from having to read the small print of the books in the School was too much for them; therefore, he has made this announcement that he can no longer hold the School.

We are very sorry of this, and would be glad that all would hold him up in prayer until the Lord delivers him. He was a splendid Bible teacher, and the students like him. I am sure that if his eyes had permitted he would have made a grand success of the School. He was reluctant about accepting the School last year for fear his eyes would fail, but we almost forced it on him. He is now on his way to the Western States to devote his time to evangelistic work.

Many have been enquiring about the Bible School. We will announce here that the School will begin immediately after the close of the Assembly in November, unless there is some providential hindrance of which we know nothing of at the present.

The dormitory will run as usual, also private board may be had. The books will not be so very expensive, and we expect to have competent teachers.

Now if you are contemplating attending, please correspond with me at once. We are hoping to make this work a great success.

F. J. LEE, General Overseer.

Genuine Shouting Edifies Others

I Know of Nothing That Makes Me Feel Better Than to See a Real Christian Shout. I Once Was Bothered Over Shouting But I am Settled At Last

By J. A. Tarpley

A few years after receiving the Holy Ghost I began seeing some people who claimed to have the blessing, and would shout in every service—shout so much till the preacher could not hardly preach. I began seeing also that their lives were not just what they ought to be, and I began to wonder about the matter.

At last I decided the mistake was in myself and that I had not received the Holy Ghost and was about ready to give up the profession. But I could not hardly decide to do so. So, I watched one man shout until his clothes would be wet with perspiration and I told him one night that I would give a thousand dollars if I felt like that. In a few months he LEFT that place with a sixty-dollar store account unpaid, and they never could get him to pay it.

I felt like stopping sure enough but kept pressing on. Soon I noticed many others doing just as bad; and they were the ones who did most of the shouting. But I notice when those shouted who had been living right it made everybody feel good; and those who were not, the people would drop their heads. So, I began to search the Bible and found where it said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 7:21.)

Therefore, dear ones we are not heard for our much speaking and loud crying. Now don't understand me to be against shouting; for I know of nothing that makes me feel better than to see somebody who is living right shout. But listen: If we accept Luke 9:23, and obey it we won't shout every time we meet at the church house. Jesus said in this Scripture, "If any man come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

So, if we obey that one verse there will not be so much shouting after all. The trouble with many people instead of bearing the cross they follow the big noise. We find one meaning of cross to be: "Affliction or trial as a test of Christian patience or virtue; hence, trial; misfortune." Did you ever go to church with a heavy heart and seemed it would almost burst; and you would pray and pour out your heart and at the same time someone who had not been living the life, shouting all the time around you? Sure you have, and you were made to wonder. But listen: The empty wagon makes more noise than the one which is loaded.

The crowd that does not take up the cross can shout anytime. So, don't ever go to meeting, PLEASE, and tell the folks that the meeting wasn't much, just because they didn't shout so much. Paul said, "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." (Gal. 6:14.)

Some folks holler "fire fire, inspiration, determination," when much of it is "fox fire and exaggeration." But if you will hold on to the old cross you will not shout so much; but thank God, some day you will exchange it for a crown, and then you can shout.

If you are in meeting sometime with precious and beloved ones and your heart aching and mourning, it seems, for lost souls, and just across the hill another crowd is almost shouting the house down; don't get alarmed. But just think of the old song:

"I saw a way-worn traveler
In tattered garments clad;
Struggling up the mountain,
Seemed that he was sad.
But this old man had his cross
And gone with it."

I have seen people who claimed the great blessing of the Holy Ghost that would not

hardly speak to others because they were not with their crowd; and then go to church and make more noise than all the rest of the folks. James says, "But if ye have envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth." (Jas. 3:14.) Read the remainder of the chapter and you will get the rest of the explanation.

Let us all bear the cross and when the glory comes we can shout and it will not be vain glory. There are times of refreshing from the Lord but they are in their due season. And the word, season, means: "The suitable, fitting, or natural time or occasion; as, the season for rest." Therefore, it means a fit time; but some folks take a fit before the time.

"For an angel went down at a certain season (fit time) into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had." (Jno. 5:4.) Looks like the angel would have kept the water troubled as there were multitudes laying there with groans. But it was at a certain season that the water was troubled. And there are many people of today had they been there they would have said the water was troubled all the time, and would have been jumping in just anytime.

Acts, 3:19, says, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

So, just remember that if you are bearing the cross it does not rain EVERY DAY.

FOOLISHNESS NOT FOR CHRISTIANS; BE MORE THANKFUL

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along the shore so the world can see where to anchor. Now let us be wise and not foolish, for the foolish virgins had no part in the bride of Jesus. Jesus tells us what kind of a religion it is going to take. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (Jas. 1:27.)

"If any man among you seem to be religious, and brideth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." (Jas. 1:26.)

NOTICE TO CARBON HILL, ALABAMA, MEMBERS

Owing to the financial condition being so distressing here at present, we are in a critical condition to meet our payments on the church property. We have some notes coming due in a short time, and many of you members have moved away to better work; leaving this great burden on just a few. We are in a great need of your financial support right now, and unless you respond to this call for help we are likely to lose the parsonage. I believe you are going to help your brothers and sisters in this matter—this is your home church and all the churches is our home. Glory to God!

Some of the brothers here have families and the work is very dull, so if you can send in a donation you may send it monthly or at one time, just as you like; but don't pass this by without considering it. Pray over it and see what your heart will propose. Those wishing to send tithes send them to the treasurer, Mrs. Pearl Ables, Carbon Hill, Ala. Send all payments on the church property to the pastor, the writer, at the address given below. May the Lord help you to co-operate with us in this matter.—Clyde Dodds, Pastor, Carbon Hill, Ala.

fire, like old Peter and Paul, L. L. Vaught leading in prayer, James and the rest of the apostles we would have the "go-ye" in us, and be ready for service. This message was refreshing and enjoyed by all—it made us feel like going on. Glory to God!

Service opened again at 2:30 p. m. with song and prayer for the sick, handkerchiefs being anointed and at 3:00 p. m. Brother Bun E. Hicks delivered a wonderful discourse on "the fullness of blessings" taking for a lesson Acts 4:23-35 and Gal. 3:8-29, using Mal. 3:10 for a text. He read back in Gen. 14:20; 28:22, showing us that tithing was before the law, even in Abraham's day. He showed to us that it was necessary for us to receive the fullness of blessings, and it made the writer feel that we should strive harder to make the people see it, especially the members of the Church of God. Back to his text Mal. 3:10: "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of host, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." This was a much needed truth and you ought to have heard the amens.

At the close of the discourse Brother L. G. Rouse sang a beautiful song from a ballad and followed with his subject "work for them" using 2 Chr. 28:15 and Luke 10:34, showing how that the good Samaritan brought the man that was robbed to the inn, and many other connecting Scriptures. He said when people offered willingly to the Lord the people rejoiced greatly, and even the king David rejoiced with great joy. Brother Rouse sure stirred our hearts to go on with the Lord even into deeper things, that we might obtain the fullness of joy and blessings which he told us included the gift of healing, etc.

Following the discourse by Brother Rouse came Brother E. C. Clark with some good thoughts about "the windows of heaven" giving us many good and interesting thoughts which are too numerous to mention here. But we praise the dear Lord for them. He sang the song "I love Him" followed with a song by the congregation after which we adjourned.

Saturday night the service began at 7:30 with the song "Hosanna" accompanied with the Band. And as some of the saints had just arrived the tabernacle was well filled, and they helped swell the heavenly anthem. It was truly wonderful how the dear Lord blessed us, and after other selections Brother D. R. Moreland led us in prayer followed with testimonies which was well filled with shouts and praises. While some were testifying some were dancing and talking in other tongues. The very atmosphere was pleasant and waves of glory seemed to sweep over the audience—just to see the glory of God on the faces as the writer saw it and see them with uplifted hands praising God; hear the sweet strains of music as was rendered by the different Bands combined, to say the least was most wonderful. At 8:15 Brother B. E. Drummond came forward with his message on "pure and undefiled religion" using Jas. 1:27 for his text and with some good appropriate illustrations dug deep in our hearts. Showing us what it meant to have undefiled religion.

He also showed the need of the orphans and what a blessing it was to minister to their need, and how God would repay us. And to this the congregation responded freely and while the Bands played the people brought forward a very liberal offering and some went outside as there were many out there also. When the amount was counted out there was one hundred and two dollars (\$102.00), which has gone on ahead of this report to apply on the West Virginia Orphanage. (Adjourned.)

Sunday morning the service opened as usual, with Brother

L. L. Vaught leading in prayer, followed with a piano and violin selection by the Moreland sisters. The Sunday school was then divided into two classes; the Bible class, taught by Brother B. E. Drummond, and the smaller class, taught by Sister Hindle. The Sunday school was interesting and we had the orphanage march as usual which added \$1.56 to the treasury for the orphanage. This was followed with singing and shouting, and the presence of the Lord could be felt in our midst. At 11 o'clock the report of the orphanage committee by the chairman, B. E. Drummond. He recommended that all members pay 10 cents a week or 40 cents per month to the orphanage as the church at Parkersburg is now doing. They also endorse the soliciting papers that were fixed up at Headquarters. They asked the pastors to push the orphanage work in their respective districts. The report was accepted.

At 11:45 Brother L. L. Vaught came forward with his subject "Sunday school work" first defining the word School as an institute of learning. And showed the great need of Christian education of divine wisdom, and how that God's children were destroyed for the lack of knowledge. It would be a safe-guard for our children to know God, and how many of the young people of today do things they do not want their fathers and mothers to see them doing. And they will take a car ride and get out of their sight. But O, that they had the fear of God taught to them so they would look up to heaven and cry out, "Thou God seest me!" And when they have conversations that the parents are not allowed to hear, that their minds were so educated that they would say, "Thou God hearest me."

It would truly help to check the great crime wave that is sweeping our beautiful America today. And how our fathers and mothers can sit at home and see their precious girls and boys go off in sin and die, without God; to spend eternity in a burning hell, and not try to prevent it, is too much for me. Would it not be better to bring them to the Sunday school and educate them for God, that it might not be said of them they were destroyed for the lack of knowledge. He also showed the need of efficient workers, and how that parents ought to take part in the work instead of faultfinding and turning the children against the school. He then showed the need of workers and the rich reward—they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever. He pointed out the value of the soul—"What would it profit a man if he gained the whole world and lost his own soul" and how God could use men like Timothy that had known the Scripture from his youth; Samuel that was brought up in the Temple with Eli, the Priest; and Paul that was brought up at the feet of Gamaliel. He gave one illustration showing how some people cared more for their stock. He exhorted them to train up the children in the way they should go, and expressed the hope that instead of our people getting too religious to whip the children and make them mind, that they would get enough salvation to correct them and train them up for God. (Noon.)

The service opened in the afternoon at 2:30 with songs and prayer, and music by the Bands. A beautiful solo was sung then Brother L. G. Rouse came forward to conduct a healing service, using Mark 5:25 and St. John 11:25, for Scripture reading. He told us of many healings he had witnessed and eleven were present who stood up and testified to the healing power of the Lord during the convention. Many who came for prayer went off shouting and talking in other tongues. Some few of the most chronic cases failed to exercise sufficient faith, but many were blessed and Mrs. C. H. Mansbridge of 485 Smith St., Huntington, W. Va., gave me her

name for publishing as one healed of Tuberculosis in the last stage. The healing service closed at 4:30, and from there we went to the water where Brother Drummond baptized three.

At 7:30 songs and music by the Band and prayer by Brother Strout, followed by testimonies and rejoicing, Band selection, and an offering for the state overseer, amounting to about \$46.00. Following this was a real gospel sermon by Brother E. C. Clark in which he told us many good things, and what would happen at the coming of Christ and how we should be ready. He assured us that we would not have time after He comes to run around and pay up our grocery bills and little debts and fix up trouble with our neighbors. He preached the clean thing and held up for a clean Church. And while I was employed in other matters of importance till I could not get the first of his discourse, I was reminded of the General Assembly when I came back on duty and thought of the colored brothers' song "Didn't it rain."

Yes, it sure did rain here, and the message was right to the point and full of grace and truth. We thank God for Brother Clark because he is not afraid to tell the full gospel.

The convention was brought to a successful close with handshakes and good-byes, and while we may never meet again in this world just as we did at this great convocation. I truly hope we will all meet together on the banks of sweet deliverance where we can sit down in the shadow of the tree of life and rehearse the battles and glorious victories. This is the prayer of the writer. Amen.

GOOD REVIVAL— 20 WERE SAVED

SHELBY, N. C.—A revival recently closed here being conducted by Brother J. A. Davis and the pastor in which there were 20 saved, 7 sanctified, and 5 received the Holy Ghost. Much good being accomplished thru the Lord's presence and power among His children.—Maud Starling, Clerk.

NOTICES

I am expecting to attend the October camp meeting to be held at Wimauma, Fla., and would like to get in touch with some brother who will rent me a house for the occasion. I am expecting my two married sons, Paul C. and Willis R. Sanders, with their families to be there, and would like room enough for us all. Should anyone be able to consider this matter I would like to correspond with you. Please pray for me to recover from a backslidden condition.—M. L. Sanders, P. O. Box 86, Lutz, Fla.

I would like to correspond with the Brother and Sister Simmons from whom I bought the cottage at the Wimauma camp ground. Please write me.—Janey Moore, R. 2 Box 299, Tampa, Fla.

Those wishing to write to Brother E. Haynes, State Overseer, of Ohio and Michigan address Walbridge, Ohio.

The Church of God at Williston, Fla. wishes to hear from Brother Lonnie Tindale and Sister Amanda Hardee stating their spiritual condition. Sister Hardee was last heard of at Greenville, Fla. Also wishes to hear from Brother Frank McGorman.—Mrs. L. W. Hood, Clerk, Williston, Fla.

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One Teacher's Bible	\$18.00
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One Book of Minutes	1.25
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One Teacher's Bible	\$14.00
One Bible Dictionary	2.00
One Bible Concordance	2.50
One Minister's Guide Book	1.00
One Gems of Religious Truth (paper cover)50
Total	\$20.00

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One Teacher's Bible	\$10.00
One Bible Dictionary	2.00
One Bible Concordance	2.50
One Gems of Religious Truth (paper cover)50
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One Red Letter Teacher's Bible	\$5.60
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One Minister's Guide Book	1.00
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FIFTH PRIZE. To the one obtaining the 5th greatest in number between now and October 20th we will give:

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